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CM lays foundation for Varsity Building

Ex-MLC Objects

Mysuru, Mar.2 (NNN)- Even as the long-drawn Kurubarahall Sy. No.4 and Alanahalli Sy. No.41 land row has continued to fester the residents of various MUDA layouts, here comes the news that Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy has laid the foundation stone at the 22-acre University of Mysore campus, which also comes under the controversial Kurubarahalli Sy. No.4. *[See also page 12]*

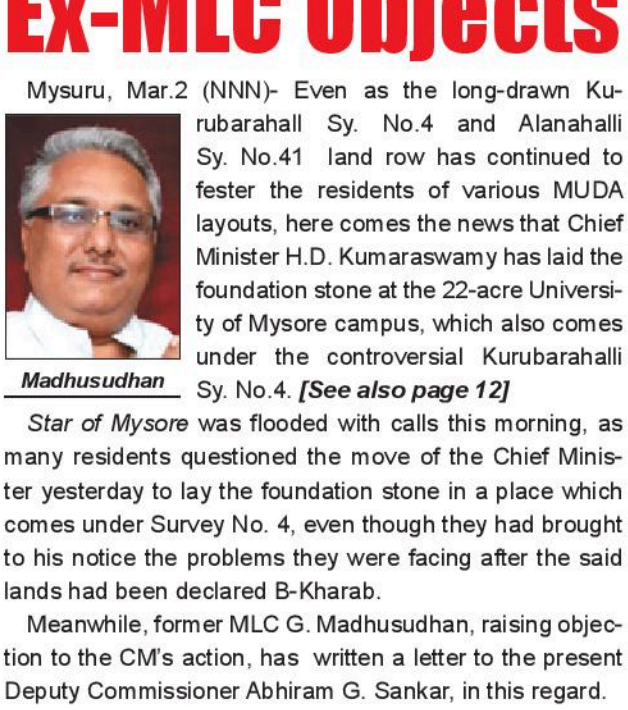
Madhusudhan

Star of Mysore was flooded with calls this morning, as many residents questioned the move of the Chief Minister yesterday to lay the foundation stone in a place which comes under Survey No. 4, even though they had brought to his notice the problems they were facing after the said lands had been declared B-Kharab.

Meanwhile, former MLC G. Madhusudhan, raising objection to the CM's action, has written a letter to the present Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar, in this regard.

In the letter he has stated that the then Deputy Commissioner had declared Kuruburahalli Sy. No.4, Alanahalli Survey No.41 and Chowdahalli Sy. No.39 as B-Kharab land on May 26, 2015. In spite of this, CM Kumaraswamy has laid the foundation stone in Kuruburahalli Sy. No. 4 land belonging to University of Mysore near foot of Chamundi Hill, which has led to controversy.

(See EX-MLC on page 13)



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Mysuru, Saturday 2nd March 2019

Cramped cities, restive residents

The ratio of urban and rural populations to the country's total headcount has begun to be noticed with more than academic interest even as the number of cities, their spread of land, density of residents as well as their personal transport vehicles are all rising at a rate never witnessed in the past. Bengalureans who used to be heard priding over many aspects of their metropolis and taking unalloyed delight in calling then Mysore (now Mysuru) as a mere village can now be heard conceding that their beloved urban space has not only been ruined beyond restoration to its old glorified image but also a slum with a jostling, overcrowding populace that has gone restive. City after city across the State is losing its old charm of life at a comfortable pace, unpolluted ambience and satisfied residents, Mysuru leading in the steady and unstoppable change, read decline in its past image moving in a one-way street as it were.

Thanks to the compulsions of daily life in cities, particularly those with density of residents far beyond optimum, cluttering both living spaces of the families and public spaces (roads, trading areas, parks, schools and so on), their respective civic bodies have become target of bitter remarks on count of their inability to keep the civic amenities and civil services in top gear, ignoring the callous nature of the residents for the most part.

Media glare on the plight of urbanites, which is their own creation, has sidelined the hardship of the *rustics* for long. People's elected representatives in-charge of administration are alternatingly highlighting the various measures taken for alleviating the misery of both sections of the populace, leaving the situation without perceptible change for the better. The farming fraternity is currently hogging attention in public domain, thanks to *(a)* loan waiver, *(b)* cooking gas, *(c)* roads, *(d)* dwellings with financial assistance, *(e)* healthcare facilities and *(f)* some cash to meet contingencies. The case of urbanites is too complex to be described in words except remarking that the gap between their needs of daily life and effort to meet those needs, both quantitatively and qualitatively, is yawning at an unprecedented extent.

In sum, the overall space for dwellings, roads, schools, hospitals, shopping centres, community halls, government offices, industrial estates and so on, not to forget slums in cities has unquestionably crossed the limit. Time is overdue for *acting* to limit the headcount of both urban spaces and the country. How to expedite action should engage every citizen, more than the administration.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Every time we introduce ourselves to someone, are we really as good as we make ourselves out to be? We mask our mistakes, fudge our failures, shroud our shortcomings, veil our weaknesses and camouflage our character by showcasing only our successes and glorifying our gifts. Who suffers? We do. At our cost and our cause, a web of lies eclipses reality. While we seek sympathy as helpless sufferers, we forget that we, perhaps, may be the greatest contributors to this chaos of conceit. These days, to find fools is not difficult, and to find people who fool others, even easier. But who is the greatest fool of all? Us, of course! Bhagwan Swaminarayan has clarified this in the Holy Vachanamritam, "who is the greatest fool of all fools? The person who knows everything external, and nothing internal." *— Swami Brahmaviharidas in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Gait recognition technology to identify people

Beijing: A Chinese startup has apparently developed technology that allows it to identify individuals by their gait, even if their face is covered or they have their back to the camera.

Known as 'gait recognition,' the technology invented by artificial intelligence startup Watrix analyses thousands of metrics about a person's walk, from their body shape and the angle of arm movement to their posture and whether they have a toe-in or toe-out gait. All these individual traits go into a database that the software then goes through when attempting to identify people.

According to an official statement from Watrix, the accuracy rate of gait technology at the laboratory level exceeds 96 per cent.

Businessman builds palace worthy of a King

Vietnam: A businessman has built himself a magnificient palace named Thanh Thang Palace in the heart of Gia Vien, in Vietnam's Ninh Binh province, complete with a gilded roof, stunning facade and intricately decorated walls, which is worthy of a King.

Vietnam was a French colony for more than six decades, so this European-looking marvel must be a well-preserved relic from that period. But Thanh Thang Palace has nothing to do with French colonialism or Vietnamese history in general. This opulent complex is merely the residence of a local billionaire who reportedly spent between 300 and 400 billion dong ($12 – $17 million) to fulfil his dream of living in an actual palace. While the interior has yet to be completed, the outside is finished.

Thanh Thang Palace is the property of Do Van Tien, a 52-year-old Vietnamese businessman who named it after his two sons, Thanh and Thang.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

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Five-day training for Hindi Assistant Professors and School Teachers

Mysuru, Mar.2-National Testing Service-India (NTS-I) of Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL), Manasagangothri, Mysuru, is organising a five-day Workshop-cum-Training Programme on Testing & Evaluation and Question Item Writing in Hindi for the Assistant Professors and School Level Teachers from South Indian States from Mar.11 to 15.

Assistant Professors and School Teachers engaged in teaching Hindi (Language & Literature), working in Government/UGC recognised Colleges/ Universities across South India are eligible to participate. School teachers engaged in teaching Hindi language/literature at Higher Secondary/PUC level will be given special consideration.

To attend the programme, a candidate should send duly filled in registration form through proper channel. Principals/Head of Institutes may also depute their eligible faculty members/senior researchers, etc. by sending a request letter. The selected participants may be paid TA/LC as per the institute rules.

Moderate accommodation may be arranged for outstation participants in CIIL hostels/ guest house on prior request subject to availability. Registration forms may be downloaded from *http://www.ciil-ntsindia.net/NTS/National-Seminar/Registration-Form-Hindi-11- 15.03.19.pdf*.

Scanned copy of filled in forms/ request letter with valid Govt. ID card may be sent to: *headnt@gmail.com* and *conf.ws.nts@gmail.com* by Mar. 4 before 11.30 am. For details contact Mob: 9916336696 or 9731254102.

Free hearing camp at AIISH on Mar.4

Mysuru, Mar. 2- World Hearing Day is observed on Mar. 3 every year by the World Health Organisation (WHO) to raise awareness on prevention and control of hearing loss and to promote ear and hearing care.

The theme for World Hearing Day-2019 is 'Check your Hearing' to draw attention on the importance of early identification and intervention for hearing loss. All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH), Mysuru, will conduct a free hearing check up/ screening for children under 6 years of age on Mar.4 between 10 am and 5 pm at the Department of Prevention of Communication Disorders. Persons in other age groups will also be screened on appointment basis. Contact Ph: 0821-2502312/2703 or Harish Kumar on Mob: +919738421106.

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Not having water and cleaning facilities at public toilets is the bane of all such toilets for their lack of patronage.

Even e-toilets are not much in use. Their footfalls need to be surveyed at regular intervals.

Hope everyone concerned with Swachh Bharat Abhiyan will pay heed to this suggestion.

—Prof. B.S. Shankara (Retd.)
on e-mail

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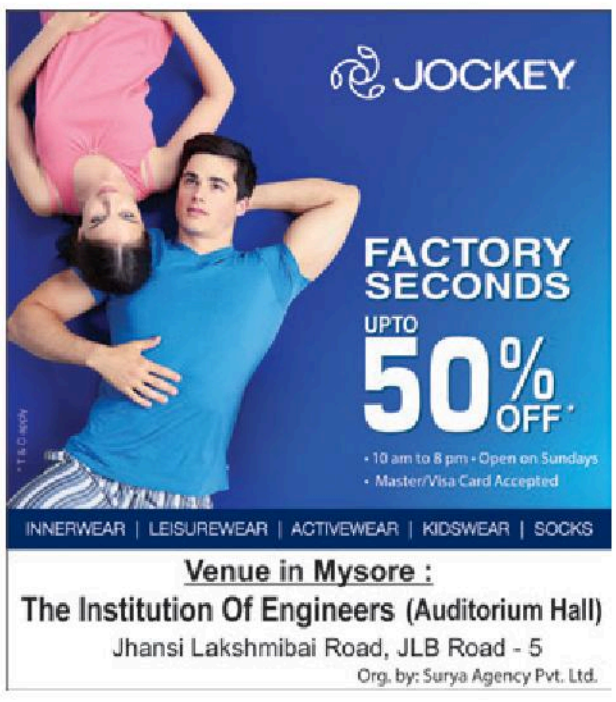
Aero Show fire: Help Desk

Mysuru, Mar. 2- With more than 300 cars destroyed by the massive fire that broke out during Aero India Show at Yelahanka Airbase near Bengaluru on Feb.23, the Transport Department has set up a Help Desk for the benefit of car owners at Yelahanka Regional Transport Office (RTO).

The owners of cars destroyed in the fire can call the Help Desk on Ph:080-29729908/ 9909 or Mob:94498-64050, according to a press release.

Seminar for farmers on Mar.6, 7

Mysuru, Mar.2- The College of Horticulture, Yelawal, Mysuru, is organising a two-day district-level seminar for farmers on "Advances in production technologies of ginger, turmeric and black pepper" on Mar.6 and Mar. 7 at 10.30 am. Experienced ginger, turmeric and black pepper Growers, Scientists, Processors and Traders will be the resource persons. Those interested may register on Mob: 8147959226 or 9341997297.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By K.B. Ganapathy

Hero is Home. What Next?

Free J&K of Article 370 & 35A and do not play cricket with Pakistan till terror attack stops

He who lives by the sword shall perish by the sword, says the Bible. It means one who uses violence can expect a violent response. This is what has happened to Pakistan today.

Muslims of British (undivided) India could have lived in their ancestral hearth and homes without seeking a 'for Muslims only' country Pakistan which has now become, in its 70 years of existence, a sham Democracy with Islamic fundamentalism as its political credo giving hell to the minorities of what remains.

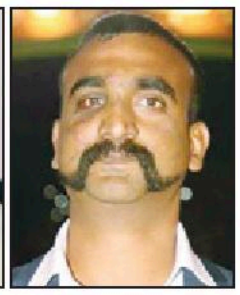
Pakistan was ruled for most of its existence by Dictators unlike India which exists as a **Secular Democracy** for all these 70 years with 14% Muslim population (2011 census) spread all over India with many Muslims holding high political and bureaucratic positions in the Government unlike in Pakistan which is an **Islamic State.**

Well, Pakistan's existence could not have been different because of two reasons. **One: The 'inexorable Hindu-Muslim difference'** which exists in Pakistan and since a couple of decades in India too manifesting in many visible forms which were not there when I was a student. And India's liberal Democracy with blind political vote-bank rivalry is further exacerbating the Hindu-Muslim relations in India.

Two: The Jammu & Kashmir Question. If it was the Muslim Question before independence that divided India as an answer, it is J&K Question which is troubling India with Pakistan-supported terrorist attacks.

There were many minor and major terrorist attacks across LoC, inside Kashmir and in different parts of India. The major ones that killed many innocent people and drew the world attention are: **a)** Parliament in December 2001, **b)** 26/11 Mumbai in 2008, **c)** Pathankot army establishment in 2016, **d)** Uri army establishment in 2016 and **e)** the latest one was the Pulwama attack on CRPFs on Feb. 14, 2019, for which Pakistan has paid a heavy price when Indian Air Force executed a non-military pre-emptive strike crossing the LoC and International Border and destroying the terror factories of Pakistan.

Narendra Modi



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The 'home coming' of our hero of this attack on Pakistan, **Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman,** who had ejected from his stricken fighter jet Bison-1 after destroying Pakistan's F-16, late last evening through Wagah-Attari border should augur well for a possible settlement of J&K Question. For this Pakistan should abide by the Simla Agreement and as a first step STOP terrorists from attacking India. **If it does not happen, India should exercise its options for a final solution that any sovereign country would and should exercise — WAR.** But before exercising this option, India should begin by scrapping Articles 370 and 35A to totally integrate J&K with India like all other States. Let the future Government, after the coming Parliament election, decide the future of PoK, **but for now the big question is: What Next?**

Even as Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman was crossing the border to his motherland, the firing from Pakistan army at LoC was going on, so also terrorist attack. This means Pakistan terror factory is very much operational and our air-borne strike has had no desired effect except for the strongest retaliation so far and drawing the attention of the world to Pakistan's designs against India using terrorists for waging a proxy-war to inflict a thousand cuts.

Unfortunately, India has always suffered from a crisis of leadership despite its God-given POWER — Geographical Area, Natural Resources, Population and a Natural Protective Boundary with a huge sea-coast and Himalayas in the North. Like the old and feeble Prime Minister of England, during the critical period of Hitler's rise in Europe, **Neville Chamberlain,** with his discredited **Policy of Appeasement** towards Hitler, we had an effete and corrupt Government for long with a skewed-up foreign policy. Worse, between 2004 and 2014, a mute Prime Minister could only plead with his countrymen for 'Patience' and 'Tolerance' even when Mumbai was burning with the worst terrorist attack taking many lives.

So also when our Parliament itself was attacked. The NDA Government could not retaliate, may be because of the 'compulsions' of a coalition Government with, 13 parties. And Kargil War? **We must, in retrospect, thank America. Otherwise, I am sure, Kargil too would have become a PoK. Today India is paying with men and material for the poor leadership of our successive Prime Ministers and their Advisors.**

Thank God today, by chance, we have a LEADER, a Prime Minister who is not Neville Chamberlain but a Vladimir Putin, George H.W. Bush Sr. and Jr. and Abraham Lincoln, in **Narendra Modi** — with clear understanding of the enemy's moves and the courage and determination to fight the enemy here and now.

Narendra Modi realised, probably after the efforts of himself and Nawaz Sharif to begin talks in 2015 was thwarted by Pak Army, that terror attacks and talks would not go together and decided to act — an eye for an eye. The retaliation to Pulwama terrorist attack is the example. Modi has realised that chasing a 'dialogue', like some of our 'liberals' or 'leftists' want, is like chasing a mirage. **India, young India, is tired and sick of chasing this mirage.**

India must remember that it was Pakistan that initiated war in 1947 even as it was taking birth as a country. **According to Husain Haqqani, Pakistan Ambassador to the United States (2008-2011), the use of force by Pakistan eroded its moral argument about Kashmir belonging to Pakistan because of its Muslim majority.** He says Pakistan has failed to get international support over the issue and has ended up supporting militants and terrorists since the late 1980s to force India's hand.

Sadly, with successive weak leadership at Delhi, Pakistan treated the 1972 Simla Agreement like a dead letter and deluded itself that by inflicting a thousand cuts using militants and terrorists, it would get J&K that it was unable to get by waging wars.

By God's grace India got a leader now so tall that he has dwarfed all other leaders of the *'Mahagathbandhan'*. Other leaders are left wondering why did they allow such a huge country like India to be humiliated, humbled and black-mailed by terrorists, even by stone-pelters! **The new leader for a new young and resurgent India is Narendra Modi. His lung-power is now backed by his gun-power after Pulwama terror attack.** This is the opportunity to settle J&K once and for all. Modi must seize the opportunity because I am not sure of tomorrow's prospective leaders of delivering India of the curse of terrorism from Pakistan.

And I am hearing Barkha Dutt and her toadies on TV batting for India playing cricket with Pakistan in the ensuing ICC World Cup. I also heard Mohammad Azharuddin, former Indian Cricket Captain and MP, who spoke keeping his cool despite provocation from the TV Anchor to inveigle him into saying, "Yes, we must play." But he was too mature to fall into the trap. And let me join this great cricketer and endorse his opinion.

When Pakistan's cricket team beat India in the finals of the International Cricket Council (ICC) Champions Trophy in June 2017, Pakistan's Army Chief Gen. Qamar Javed Bajwa announced a reward for the winning team members out of the military's budget. The players were to go for the Umrah pilgrimage to Mecca at the Army's expense. **This ostensibly because defeating India at cricket was somehow a national security need for Pakistan!**

And, there are Indians wanting India to play cricket with Pakistan in the midst of the present military engagement! I say that it is not just our country, even the cricket itself may not be safe in the hands of these people who want India to play cricket with Pakistan in the present environ. Their justification exposes their greed and stupid bravado of defeating them. What if Pakistan loses or what if India wins? Will terror attacks on India stop?

Every Indian should remember that our country, with a defined geographical boundary, is more sacred than the religion and the game of cricket. As Dr. B.R. Ambedkar rightly said, "If India loses who wins?" Come on, answer this question and then go to play cricket with Pakistan or go to Hades.

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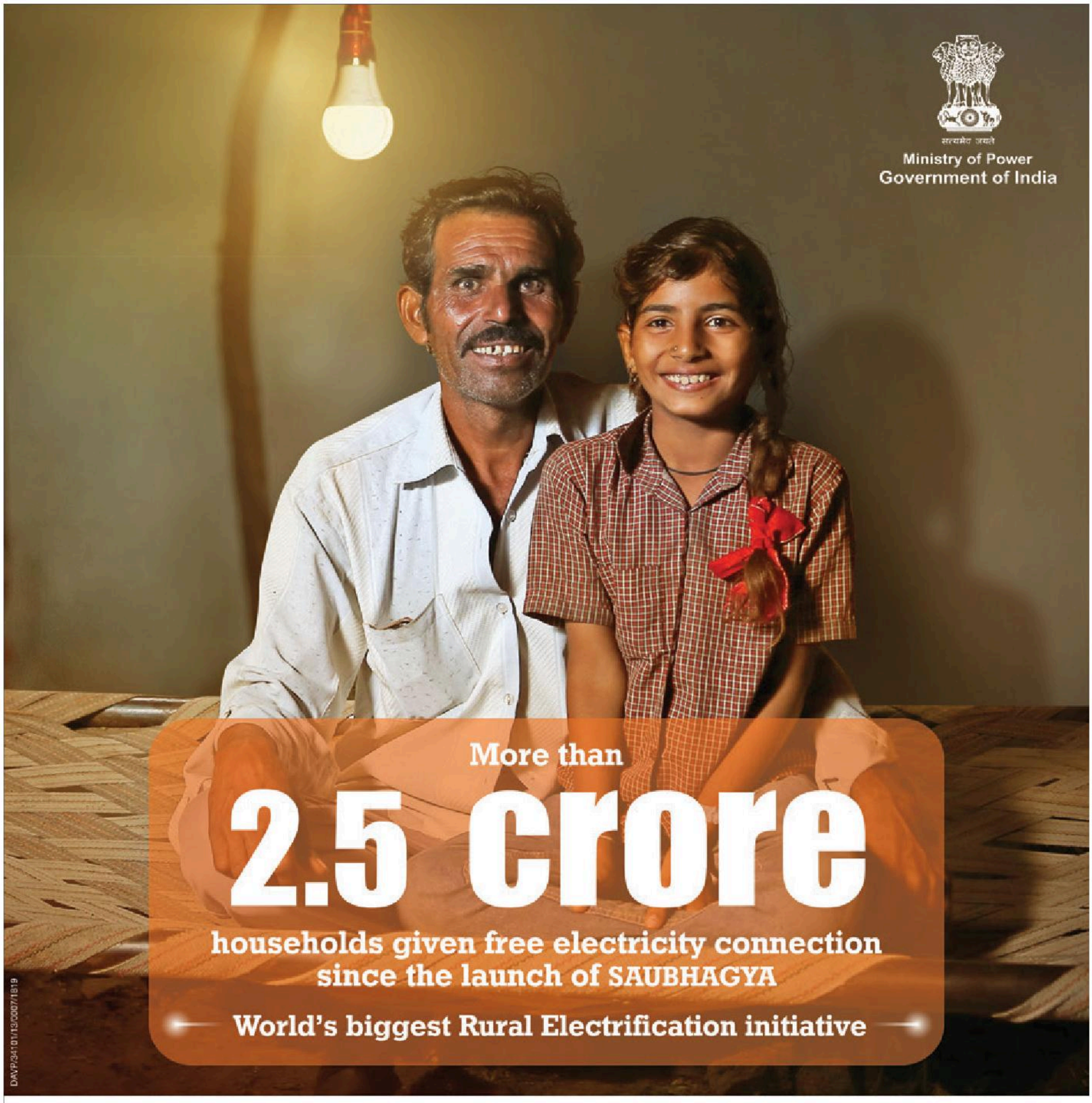

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AIR-STRIKE Afterthoughts...

Financial Shield

Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman is back on Indian soil and some say with his return a war has been averted. But we doubt if there would have been a war at all. Because apart from loss of lives, war also causes economic devastation and India today is a "financial asset" that super powers would like to keep safe.

The five-members of the United Nations Security Council—USA, Russia, China, France, UK—who are the most weaponised, have heavily invested in India.

The Americans have numerous companies in India — from Cisco to Coca Cola, from Pfizer to Pizza Hut. In fact out of the top 20 IT companies operating in India, 9 are from the US.

Then we have to remember India is China's 7th biggest export market. India is France's 15th biggest trade partner and UK's 20th. Russian investments in India has already surpassed its target of $30 billion and is expected to touch $50 billion by 2025 as the government is planning a 'tax-free' zone for Russian investment.

Apart from these nations, other powerful nations have invested too. There are over 1,305 Japanese companies registered in India. Also there are over 1,600 Indo-German collaborations and 600 Indo-German joint ventures operating in India.

Interestingly, an Islamic nation, UAE, is set to invest over $75 billion in India after BJP, a party perceived to be "Anti-Islam" came to power ! No wonder, the 57-Member Organisation of Islamic Co-operation (OIC) invited India as the 'guest of honour' for its 50th year conference held in Abu Dhabi yesterday and ignored Pakistan's objection.

Yes, today world is about economics. If you are a viable nation you become a relevant nation. India's annual GDP is $2597.5 billion while Pakistan's GDP stands at just $305 billion. In fact, Pakistan's GDP is less than India's one State, Maharashtra, which has a GDP of $425 billion! So Pakistan does not have many interests that superpowers need to protect.

But many pundits warn that when someone has noting left to lose, it is more dangerous. So Pakistan may wage a war. Again the Pakistan upper class consisting of Army Generals and Politicians who have made so much money renting out Pakistan as "operating base" wouldn't want to lose their life before they can enjoy their ill-gotten wealth.

But Pulwama attack and the retaliation from India has made the world look up and has resulted in Pakistan's isolation in the international world.

May be, this will force Pakistan to be a true democracy of its people, by its people and for its people and not of its Army, by its Army and for its Army Generals.

Cultural Isolation

Now, many hailed Wing Commander's repatriation as Pakistan's grand gesture of peace; it would be prudent to remember that the return of Wing Commander Abhinandan was an inevitability.

As expected there is talk of cricket matches and cultural *bhaigiri.* One "intellectual" even said, "This tit for tat is not the Indian way"!

The hypocrisy of Indian "intellectuals" can be very frustrating. Lyricist Javed Akhtar and even Lata Mangeshkar were denied visa to Pakistan. But we didn't hear Pakistani artistes, intellectuals and liberals protesting against their government for denying visa to Indian artistes?

Oh! Yes Pakistan did give visa to an Indian artist, an escape artist with exceptional talent in bomb-blasting — Dawood Ibrahim. And did we hear their Pakistani liberals scream, "send him back to India to stand trial"? Not even a peep there.

The fact is, when one nation can use terror as an instrument of State policy, why can't we use cultural 'isolation' as one of our instruments of State policy?

Relationships are built on give and take, but when one side only takes joy and wealth and returns only bullets and blood... that relationship has to end... even culturally.

Politics of it all

Will BJP use this for politics? Yes, of course, it will. Didn't Yeddyurappa say that it will win them more seats? Other parties would have done the same. That's politics.

There is no doubt this is Prime Minister Modi's 9/11 moment. In 2001, George W. Bush was the most unpopular President in the history of the United States. He was not expected to win his re-election and then 9/11 happened.

One month later, America began 'Operation Enduring Freedom' in Afghanistan. Three years later in 2004, he was a popular President perceived as being a strong leader and protector. And the fact that there was no more terror attacks in the US

propelled him to Presidency.

Similarly, under PM Modi each time there has been a terror attack there has been retaliation. Whether the Indian voter cares more about terror attacks or jobs, only time will tell but for the time being Modi is perceived as being a strong leader and that could help in the Hindi heartland.

But, by far the worse statement came from our CM H.D. Kumaraswamy. He said, "The Centre is claiming to have killed Pakistani terrorists by conducting air-strikes. But, by distributing sweets on the streets and unfurling the victory flag here, an atmosphere of animosity is being created between two communities."

What an insult to Muslims. Is the CM trying to say Indian Muslims love Pakistan and not India? Is he saying Muslims are not patriots?

May be, the CM does not know one of the jawans, who lost his life in the Pakistani-sponsored terror attack in Pulwama, was a Muslim named Naseer Ahmad of CRPF's 76th battalion.

We assure CM Kumaraswamy that Naseer's 8-year-old daughter Falak and 6-year-old son Kashif will not be sad that Indian Air Force destroyed the terrorist training camp in Pakistan that killed their father.

The CM should know Naseer's elder brother Siraj-ud-Din, asked "for how long will soldiers continue to be killed by terrorists. Every time they die, the country will just mourn and the government will simply come out with strong condemnations." At least now after the air-strike, he will feel his government will not meekly stop at lip-service.

That said our troublesome neighbour now knows that every attack will have a reply. Also the separatists in the Valley will think hard, and stone-pelters will think twice before bending down to pick up a stone, because now we live in an India that does not bend backward to accommodate peace talks, but steps forward to strike right back.

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Milky Way

Think milk and only 'Nandini' comes to your mind, despite tough competition from other brands. After being a household brand, Nandini has now foray**ed into the market of snacks and** *namkeens*, **taking on the more powerful brands with aggressive marketing and customer-friendly strategies. And as if to give a shot in the arm to its marketing strategies, a state-of-the-art Mega Dairy of Mysuru Milk Union Limited (MyMUL) has been commissioned at Alanahalli in Mysuru. It is Karnataka's largest automated facility which involves zero human intervention.**

This *Weekend Star Supplement* **focuses on the Bigger Bite taken by Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) in the snack market and at the same time throws light on the Mega Dairy that is one more feather in the cap of this heritage city.**

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Spicing up your Cuppa

By Ramesh Kebbehundi

After literally ruling the milk market in Karnataka through a white flood, Nandini, a brand run and managed by Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) has forayed into the business of snacks, to go with a hot cup of coffee or tea, made with Nandini milk. The Federation has, for the first time, entered the market with spicy short eats under Nandini brand.

As part of planned aggressive marketing strategies, KMF's retail outlets across the State are selling milk products, condiments and *khara* items such as '*benne muruku*' made of milk. And KMF officials are upbeat as the consumers are lapping it up as the products have the same quality synonymous with the brand, with the USP (unique selling proposition) being that they are made of pure milk.

KMF introduced snack products November last year with the main intention of promoting *khara* products along with sweet items. *Khara* products were introduced under Nandini brand as there were complaints that agents at Nandini outlets were selling *khara* items that were brought from the open market. The *khara* brand was introduced to dissuade agents from selling other brand short eats and at the same time, diversify the milk market adding more products under one household brand.

Apart from milk, ultra-high temperature processing (UHT) milk, flexi pack milk, curds and other fermented products, ghee and butter, milk powder, ice cream, frozen desserts and chocolates, KMF has been selling more than 81 milk-based ethnic sweets including *Mysore Pak, Peda, Khova, Premium Badam Burfi, Premium Cashew Burfi, Dry Fruits Burfi, Coconut Burfi, Chocolate Burfi, varieties of Peda like Kesar Peda, Elaichi Peda, Ready-to-Eat Khova Jamoon and Rosogolla, Nandini Bite, Jamoon mix and Badam powder.*

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, KMF Director (Marketing) M.T. Kulkarni said *Khara* products like *Benne Murku, Chakkuli,* mixture and *Kodubale* introduced three months back have received overwhelming response from customers. In the initial months, KMF introduced *khara* products with a monthly production of four tonnes. Now, the production has doubled to eight tonnes.

KMF has 14 Milk Unions covering all the districts and these unions procure milk from Primary Dairy Cooperative Societies and distribute milk and milk products across markets. It has set up 16 marketing depots including Mysuru, Mandya, Bengaluru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Kalaburagi and Belagavi. Such depots have been established in Hyderabad, Kannur, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Chennai and Tiruchi.

Mineral water a grand success too

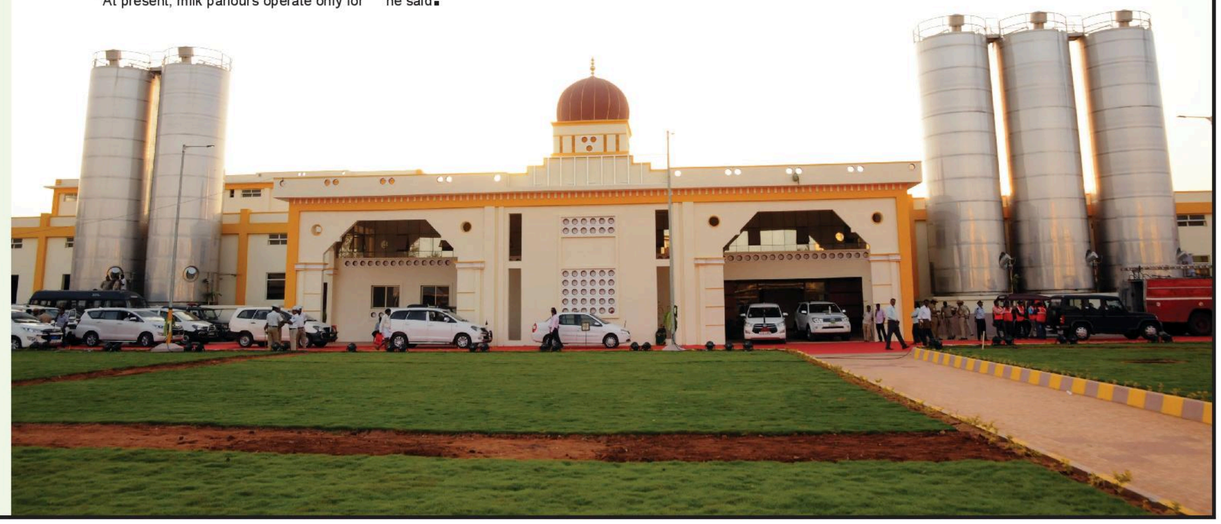
KMF has also tasted success in mineral water business launched eight months ago. It has been selling 8 lakh litres of bottled mineral water every month and has augmented its production activity considering huge demand. It also produces 2,000 kilograms of cookies every month which is a runaway success.

KMF has given clear instructions to all its milk parlours and Nandini outlet agents to promote Nandini brand only. KMF will cancel licences if other brand products are sold at its outlets. As part of its aggressive marketing strategies, KMF is also encouraging its products outside Nandini outlets, having an understanding with various private marketing agencies, Kulkarni said.

KMF has been receiving orders for hundreds of tonnes of sweets and *khara* products from premier Public Sector undertakings like Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, and Indian Space Research Organisation, Indian Institute of Science, Bharat Electronics Limited and from various software firms. These bulk orders are given during festival season and on special occasions including satellite and rocket launching.

All you wanted to know about MyMUL Mega Dairy

- The state-of-the-art mega dairy of Mysuru Milk Union Limited (MyMUL) has been established at Alanahalli.
- It is a fully automated mega milk dairy set up by Mysuru District Cooperative Milk Producers' Societies' Union.
- The unit will be fully operational from March 31. A striking feature of this unit is the bust of Dr. Verghese Kurien known as the 'Father of the White Revolution' in India. The bust has been sculpted by Mysuru's Arun Yogiraj.
- The mega dairy is built at an estimated cost of Rs. 187 crore on 13 acres of land.
- It is the biggest compared to similar facilities in other parts of the State, especially in Bengaluru.
- The land of the new unit is spread over 13 acres out of 38.19 acres owned by Mysuru District Cooperative Milk Producers' Societies' Union.
- The mega plant is a fully automated facility with zero human intervention from the start to end stage of production.
- The procurement, production and packing processes can be controlled by a computer.
- As the milk will not be exposed to air throughout the process, the products will be of superior quality.
- The plant has the capacity to process six lakh litres milk a day, which can be increased to nine lakh litres.
- Most of the equipment have been imported from Sweden, mainly those installed to pasteurise milk and separate cream from milk.
- The government has invested Rs. 128 crore in the first phase, and works at a cost of Rs. 59 crore will be taken up in the second phase.
- Milk powder unit with the capacity to produce 30 metric tonnes will be established in phase two.
- The fully automated facility can be controlled by Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.
- Only treated water generated through Reverse Osmosis (RO) method will be used to ensure a quality product to consumers.



State Boards and Corporations have also been purchasing KMF sweet and *khara* products for special occasions following directions from State Chief Secretary. This has helped KMF maintain its position in the market and at the same time helping milk producers get marketing facilities.

On brand promotion, Kulkarni said that various cine actors including Upendra, Puneeth Rajkumar, Darshan, Ramya, Ragini, and Rachitha Ram have been popularising Nandini products without seeking any remuneration. Matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar was the first film personality to promote Nandini products without any remuneration.

KMF has roped in franchises to set up retail outlets in and around city headquarters. Nandini outlets are expected to dot cities with milk unions planning to set up at least two shops every kilometre. Another 1,000 shops will be launched in the rest of Karnataka. This will be in addition to the existing retail chain of the Nandini brand. It has around 500 exclusive Nandini outlets and over 1,800 milk parlours run by authorised agents.

"At present, milk parlours operate only for a few hours in the morning while the number of retail outlets that are open throughout the day is limited. We are planning a slew of new shops which will be a combination of milk parlours and retail outlets. They will sell milk and an array of Nandini products," said Kulkarni.

While the process of identifying franchises has already begun, KMF, as an incentive, is planning to fund the rent for premises and provide the required equipment such as freezers at subsidised prices. Officials say that while the new retail chains would help ramp up revenues, it would also enable Nandini to take on increasing competition from other brands.

With a share of about 25% in the national market, Nandini brand stands a distant second to Amul, which has a share of over 60%. Kulkarni said the popularity of Nandini brand is growing in cities like Mumbai, Chennai, Hyderabad and Kolkata. KMF, which exports UHT (ultra-heat treated) milk to foreign countries including Singapore, Qatar and Australia, is also looking to scale up exports, he said.

CM's call for Universities to improve quality of education in State

Inaugurates new buildings at Manasagangothri; regrets poor quality of research

Mysuru, Mar.2 (SPN&NNN)- Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy, in a clear message to educationists in the State Universities, called upon them to improve the quality of education in tune with changes in the higher education system occurring across Universities in the world.

He was speaking after inaugurating seven new buildings of University of Mysore (UoM) and laying foundation stone for another UoM campus at the foot of Chamundi Hill by pressing a button at the Crawford Hall, here yesterday and said that at the international level, the winds of change are blowing in the field of higher education.

This has resulted in more number of students opting for distance education sitting at homes. Hence, the education experts must view these developments seriously, he added.

"I have held several meetings with the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities in the State regarding development of higher education and asked them to give me suggestions. Our government is committed to giving facilities to the State Universities on par with the national and international Universities, but the VCs of the respective Universities must join hands with the government," the CM said.

Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurating the new buildings of Mysore University by pressing a button at Crawford Hall in city yesterday as (from left) Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi, former Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda and Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar look on.

The youth of our country are earning good reputation academically at the international level. In spite of this, the quality of research is going down. The education experts must try to reverse this trend. In the earlier days when good research happened, it used to be discussed at the national level. But now-a-days in the changing dynamics in the country, the level of research matching the changes is not happening. Hence, the researchers must give more focus in this direction, suggested Kumaraswamy.

"In today's function I have inaugurated a 500-seater gallery at the University Swimming Pool, the Law School building, Organic Chemistry building, Genetics and Genomes building, Centenary Museum building, and also laid the foundation stone at the University site near foot of Chamundi Hill for the new buildings. The students must make use of these facilities for the development of the nation," he said.

It is a matter of pride for all of us that the UoM which has celebrated one hundred years of existence has produced many education experts, littérateurs and world-class scientists. The State Government will co-operate with the UoM to identify itself at the national and international level, he said.

UoM to set up Engineering College

UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar in his welcome address said that in the new 22-acre campus at the foot of Chamundi Hill for which the CM laid the foundation stone, the University has plans to set up a Pharmacy Centre, Technical College and Research Centre.

"Mysuru is called the 'Mecca of Learning.' The Engineering College that is planned to be set up here will not be like other regular engineering colleges. It will be on the lines of National Institutes of Technology, where 50 per cent seats will be earmarked for the local students and for the remaining 50 per cent, students from outside will be given opportunities for admission," he said and added, "A proposal for the cost of the constructions of the building will be prepared and submitted to the Government."

Directorate of Distance Education was set up during the year 2018-19. Here courses like Economics, English, History, Kannada, Political Science, Sociology, Information Technology, BBA and M.Com have been introduced, he said.

Higher Education Minister G.T. Devegowda, Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh, Registrar Prof. Lingaraj Gandhi and others were present. Former Prasaranga Director Prof. C. Naganna compered.

HDK is 'Dynamic Leader': Prof. K.S. Rangappa

"It will not be a mistake to call Chief Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy (HDK), who is always thinking about the all-round development of the State as 'Dynamic Leader,'" said Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) General President and former UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa.

Since the last eight months the CM has been successful in giving a blemish-less government. He has taken everyone into confidence in the coalition government and is moving forward, he said.

He recalled the time when he had appealed to the Government of India to consider the possibility of declaring UoM as 'National University' on par with IITs and Central Universities. But, unfortunately his appeal did not evoke any response from the Centre, he regretted.

Now, the Chief Minister is keen to see that we will at least this time get the status of the National University, Rangappa added.

"We also want to convert K.R. Nagar as another educational hub as we have done in the case of Post-Graduate Centres in Mandya, Hassan and Chamarajanagar, which will be independent Universities in the days to come," he said.

Mysuru Mega Dairy inaugurated

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (YDS&BCT)- Karnataka's fully automated dairy (Mysuru Mega Dairy) was inaugurated by Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy last evening at Alanahalli. The state-of-the-art dairy has a capacity to process nine lakh litres of milk daily.

The CM, who was on a whirlwind tour of Mysuru district launching various development works and events, inaugurated the super-facility after showering flower petals on the bust of Dr. Verghese Kurien, the 'Father of the White Revolution' in India.

Mysuru Mega Dairy is a venture of Mysuru District Cooperative Milk Producers' Societies' Union Ltd. The mega dairy had become essential owing to the rise in milk production as the existing dairy at Siddarthanagar lacked space for the addition of new facilities such as deep freezers.

Addressing the gathering, the CM said that the State government will soon decide on granting a financial aid of Rs. 50 crore to Mysuru Milk Union Limited (MyMUL). "MyMUL President has requested a grant of Rs. 50 crore and we will look into the demand soon. This modern facility will be a boon to milk producers in Mysuru and surrounding areas and they will be able to reap profits and at the same time, consumers will get good quality milk products," he said.

On the automation part at the mega unit, Kumaraswamy said that as the plant is automated end to end and there is little scope for human intervention, consumers can relish quality milk products. **"From April 1, the State government will pay Rs. 6 to milk producers. The government started the initiative by paying Rs. 2 incentive and gradually it was hiked to Rs. 4 and Rs. 5 per litre. This government's budget raised the incentive to Rs. 6 and the money will be doled out from April 1," he said and added that even the KMF will raise the money by 50 paise.**

For the dairy, Rs. 41.66 crore had been contributed by Mysuru Milk Union while Rs. 6 crore and Rs. 80 crore had been raised through Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

In the second phase, a 30-metric tonne capacity milk powder unit will come up on the premises. The milk powder unit is estimated to cost Rs.59 crore. The mega dairy is equipped to produce 25,000 kgs of butter a day with a deep freezer for storing the produce.

Ministers G.T. Devegowda, S.R. Mahesh, Bandeppa Kashampur; MP R. Dhruvanarayan; MLAs A.H. Vishwanath, K. Mahadev, B. Harshavardhan, Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah, M. Ashwin Kumar, Anil Chikkamadu; MLCs Marithibbegowda, K.T. Srikantegowda; Mayor Pushpalatha Jagannath, ZP President B.C. Parimala Shyam, DC Abhiram G. Sankar, President of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Co-operative Central Bank G.D. Harish Gowda, MyMUL MD M.S. Vijay Kumar and others were present.

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Damaged slab posing danger on Udayaravi Road

This broken slab covering a drain on Udayaravi Road in Kuvempunagar is posing danger to pedestrians, especially during night. Residents say that though the slab broke about a week ago, none of the officials have bothered to replace it with a new one. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to get the slab near Sougandhika Park replaced at the earliest.

An eyesore in Jaganmohan Palace premises

Jaganmohan Palace, one of the famous tourist attractions in city, which is visited by hundreds of people everyday including foreign travellers, has become an eyesore with the dumping of garbage and waste materials such as empty plastic covers, aluminium foils used to pack food, waste papers, used paper plates, juice packets and other such waste materials. It is learnt that the garbage has been lying in the premises since about ten days and no one has bothered to get it cleared. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage cleared regularly.

Contaminated drinking water supplied in Tilaknagar

Residents have complained that contaminated drinking water is being supplied to houses at Tilaknagar 17th Cross since about a week. They have alleged that despite lodging complaints and bringing it to the notice of the area Corporator, no action has been taken in this regard. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps to supply clean drinking water for the residents.

Pakistan has been taught a befitting lesson: Writer

Theatre and folklore training camp concludes

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (SPN&DM)- Maintaining that there was nothing wrong in India's air-strikes on Pakistan soil as terror outfits operated from that country, writer Prof. H.S. Ramachandregowda has said that Tuesday's early morning air-strikes on Pak terror camps was a befitting lesson to that country, which posed a threat to India's security.

He was speaking at the valedictory of theatre and folklore training camp organised by city's Gouthama Shaikshanika mattu Samskrutika Seva Trust in Kalamandira premises here on Tuesday. Pointing out that Kashmir is an integral part of the country, he lauded the Indian Air Force for destroying terror camps operating from Pakistani soil.

Observing that everyone should condemn religious fundamentalism, Ramachandregowda reiterated that the air-strikes were a retaliation to the Pulwama terror attack, in which over 40 CRPF Jawans were martyred.

Noting that art and music has the power to overcome pressures and mental stress, he said art, literature, music and the like play an important role in building human values among people.

Stating that art and literature advocate equality and progressiveness, he called upon everyone to have a good understanding of religious thoughts.

Writer Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara, Maharaja's College Principal Prof. C.P. Sunitha, faculties Krishnamurthy Talakad, Nagaraj and others were present.

Forest Department warns against illegal felling of trees in layouts

Mysuru, Mar.2 - The Forest Department has warned the public against illegal felling of roadside trees in their residential layouts.

In a press release, Mysuru City Zonal Forest Officer Devaraj said that recently a house owner had felled a Gulmohar tree grown near a bakery on 5th Main Road, 12th Cross, Saraswathipuram, under the pretext that dried leaves of the tree used to fall in the premises of his house. Also, a teakwood tree grown along the road in 12th Cross too was unauthorisedly felled down.

In another instance, branches of a roadside tree near Sangam Circle in Vijayanagar was unauthorisedly cut and being transported in a van, when the tree fellers were confronted by local residents, the release said.

The release further said that Forest Department permission is needed for felling of trees grown in residences or agricultural lands and the Department will take action against those who fell roadside tree sans permission.

The public are requested to call Mob: 94499-45706 or 96114-00284 in case they come across illegal felling of trees.

MUDA presents Rs. 2.66 crore surplus budget for 2019-2020

MUDA Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju seen presenting the budget at MUDA Office this morning as Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar and others look on. [Pic. by Pragathi Gopalakrishna]

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has presented a surplus budget of Rs. 2.66 crore for the financial year 2019-2020. The Budget was presented at MUDA office this morning by Commissioner P.S. Kantharaju under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar who is also the MUDA Chairman as the State Government has not yet appointed a political head for MUDA.

For 2019-2020, the MUDA expenditure has been pegged at Rs. 403.20 crore and an income of Rs. 405.87 crore is expected. MUDA has reserved Rs. 100 crore for new land acquisition and to pay compensation to the already acquired land from land owners.

A project to supply water to R.T. Nagar will be taken up at a cost of Rs. 50 crore and a master plan will be prepared by Karnataka Urban Water Supply and Sewerage Board. MUDA will pay Rs. 750 crore for the Hale Unduwadi Drinking Water Project and the government has given in-principle approval for the same. In this budget, Rs. 250 crore has been set aside for the project.

To supply drinking water to Vijayanagar Fourth Stage, Vasanthnagar, Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar, Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Nagar, Hanchya Sathagalli 'A' and 'B' Zones, Devanoor Third Stage and Lalithadrinagar Layout, Rs. 20 crore has been reserved. Rs. 12.91 crore has been reserved to take up civil and electricity works at R.T. Nagar Second Stage.

Regarding new layouts including Lal Bahadur Shastri Nagar Second Stage, Shanthaveri Gopalagowda Nagar Second Stage, Swarna Jayanthi Nagar, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Nagar and Lalithadrinagar Layout Second Stage, the budget mentions that the proposals to carve out the layouts have been sent to the State Government and Rs. 50 crore has been earmarked for the purpose.

A single window system will be introduced at MUDA for Khata registration, transfer, revenue fixing and other documentation work. Till now, the process was manual and henceforth, technology will be adopted to streamline the system and a single window system will be followed where applicants can receive SMS alerts on the process status.

As per the government directive, online Land and Building Plan Approval System will be introduced in MUDA and in the first phase, public facilities including property tax, property transfer registration, issue of Khata documents, plan approval, layout design and approval, land use change, water and power connection plans and road cutting permission will be included.

MUDA has set aside Rs. 250 crore to develop Ballahalli Layout at Jayapura Hobli in a vast area of 437 acres. Already, 69 farmers and landlords have come to an agreement with MUDA to part with the land and 211 acres will be acquired. The process to hold talks with other farmers will be initiated soon. In all, 6,155 sites will be formed and an interest-free advance of Rs. 5 lakh per acre will be given to the farmers with a condition of repayment.

New commercial complexes will come up under Public-Private-Partnership at Dattagalli Third Stage near Mangalya Sangama Kalyana Mantap and near Outer Ring Road near Vijayanagar Fourth Stage. Three more hi-tech crematoriums will be set up at Chamaraja, Krishnaraja and Narasimharaja Assembly segments and Rs. 30 crore has been earmarked.

MLCs Sandesh Nagaraj, Marithibbegowda, K.T. Srikantegowda, R. Dharmasena, MLA B. Harshavardhan, City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, MCC representative to MUDA SBM Manju, Town Planning member B.N. Girish and others were present.

Ex-MLC objects

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Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 is B-Kharab (government land) and the District Administration has already passed an order earmarking it for public purpose. The Mysuru Tahsildar has ordered cancellation of all Khatas coming under Survey No.4. Hence, the Deputy Commissioner must immediately bring a stay order and initiate legal action. Otherwise a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) will be filed against the DC himself, Madhusudhan has warned.

Is it not dereliction of duty if the public money is utilised to construct buildings in litigated properties by taking permission from the government, he asked and hoped that the DC will take suitable action in this regard, he has stated in the letter.

It may be recalled that on behalf of thousands of residents of Siddarthanagar, K.C. Nagar, J.C. Nagar and Alanahalli, coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Alanahalli Survey No.41 living in the MUDA-allotted layouts, a delegation of Kurubarahalli Residents Welfare Association, led by B.P. Manjunath met Chief Minister Kumaraswamy at Suttur Mutt premises in city on Aug. 11, 2018 where the latter had received thier memorandum.

But till today no action has been taken, the vexed residents told *SOM*.

12 industries bag awards

Mysuru, Mar.2 (KS) - Twelve industries in Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar districts have bagged the Sir M. Visvesvaraya Manufacturing Excellence and Export Award for the year 2017-18.

N. Ranga Rao & Sons, JK Tyre & Industry and New Bio Scientific Company in Mysuru and Jubilant Generics Ltd. and Nestle India Ltd. in Nanjangud have bagged the Export Award while Balaji Auto Tech Pvt. Ltd., Varsha Industries, Varkood Paper and Boards Pvt. Ltd. and New Horizon Engineering Ltd. in Mysuru district, BG Granites and AN Bricks in Chamarajanagar district and Niranjan Weaving Industry in Mandya district have bagged Sir MV Manufacturing Excellence Award.

Kacheguda-Bengaluru Express extended

Mysuru, Mar.2- The Ministry of Railways has approved the extension of the Kacheguda-Bengaluru Express train up to Mysuru. Thus one more effort of Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha to get one of the fastest train services extended to Mysuru has borne fruit.

Thousands of tourists, workers, students and those with business interests commute every day between Mysuru, the cultural and tourist capital to Bengaluru. To benefit these people, Pratap Simha had submitted a memorandum to Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal to extend one more service to Mysuru.

Minister Piyush Goyal, considering the suggestion of Pratap Simha, has approved the extension of train no.12785/86 Kacheguda-Bengaluru city daily express to Mysuru.

Simha has thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Railway Minister Piyush Goel for this gesture.

Timings

The train will depart from Kacheguda at 7.05 pm and reach Bengaluru at 6.25 am; depart from Bengaluru at 6.40 am and reach Mysuru at 9.45 am.

In the return direction it will depart from Mysuru at 2.25 pm and reach Bengaluru at 5.45 pm; depart from Bengaluru at 6.20 pm and reach Kacheguda at 5.40 am.

This will be a daily service and the train is likely to be flagged off next week, according to sources in the Railways.

Silk Mark Expo begins

Dr. Shimada Toru, Director, Laboratory of Insect Genetics and Bioscience, University of Tokyo, Japan, inaugurated the five-day Silk Mark Expo Mysore at Hotel Southern Star in city this morning. The expo, organised by Silk Mark Organisation of India, will be open to visitors till Mar. 6 between 10.30 am and 7 pm.

Youth killed in hit-and-run accident

Mahendra

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&BCT)- A 20-year-old youth was killed in a hit-and-run accident that occurred in the wee hours of today. The victim has been identified as Mahendra, son of M. Nagaraja Murthy.

Mahendra is a resident of Ukkalagere Village in T. Narasipur and was travelling daily from Bilugali village in Nanjangud. He worked as a loader at Mysuru APMC. Family members said that Mahendra used to travel on his bike (KA-09-HJ-1895) early to APMC as trucks would come to the Yard overnight.

According to his daily routine, Mahendra started from his home at 3.30 am and he was knocked down by an unidentified vehicle on the Ring Road at around 4.15 am. After hitting Mahendra's bike, the other vehicle fled from the spot.

Some passers-by found Mahendra in a pool of blood and rushed him to K.R. Hospital where the doctors pronounced him dead on arrival.

Swachh Survekshan: Will our city regain top slot?

Mysuru to compete under 'Cleanest City' and 'Garbage-Free City' categories

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru city has been nominated for 'Cleanest City' in the 'Swachh Survekshan' and 'Garbage-Free City' categories. In a communication to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), the Union Urban Development Ministry that conducts the annual Swachh Survekshan has stated that Mysuru has been included in the two categories this year.

Swachh Survekshan is a ranking exercise taken up by the Government of India to assess rural and urban areas for their levels of cleanliness and active implementation of Swachhatha mission initiatives in a timely and innovative manner.

The Ministry of Urban Development took up Swachh Survekshan in urban areas and the Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation in rural areas. The Quality Council of India (QCI) team carried out the assessment. The award ceremony for the 'Cleanest City' will be held in New Delhi on Mar. 6.

MCC officials told *SOM* that a team will go to Delhi for the award presentation ceremony. Over 2,700 assessors assessed 4,203 Urban Local Bodies including Mysuru impacting around 40 crore urban citizens across length and breadth of the country. This year, the competition is tough when compared to 2017 where Swachh Survekshan was conducted in 434 cities.

In the last Survekshan, Mysuru city stood 1st in Cleanest City under the category of city with 3 lakh to 10 lakh population. Mysuru stood in 8th position in overall ranking for the year 2017-18, and secured the 1st place in 2015-16 and 2016-17.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag said, "With outstanding effort from nearly 2,200 Pourakarmikas, we have been nominated for both Cleanest City and Garbage-Free city. The award will be confirmed during award presentation ceremony on Mar. 6, in New Delhi, for which we have been invited."

ITC creating awareness about waste segregation

ITC Ltd. representative Srikanth, Solid Waste Management Committee expert Ramakanth in discussion with MCC Health Officer Dr. D. G. Nagaraju at the MCC premises in city yesterday.

Mysuru, Mar.2 (MTY&NNN)- ITC Ltd. has entered into a tie-up with Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to tackle Solid Waste management issues in city called 'WoW' or 'Well-being Out of Waste and its representatives are visiting door-to-door to create awareness about segregation of waste.

MCC has already chalked out several programmes regarding segregation of dry waste from plastic and creating awareness about it. However, the efforts were not bearing fruits as the segregation was not happening properly. Hence, waste segregation has remained a big problem.

As a result ITC Ltd. has tied up with MCC under its CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) Programme in all the 65 wards and the representatives visiting the homes and asking the residents to segregate dry waste and hand it over to the Pourakarmikas. It has planned to distribute two lakh bags to all the houses in the city.

45 volunteers: ITC Bengaluru representative Srikanth speaking to *Star of Mysore* in this regard said that awareness is being created among the people regarding segregation of wet, dry and sanitary waste and one bag is being given to each house. The aim of this exercise is to segregate waste at source.

45 volunteers are visiting each and every house and shop in the 65 wards and creating awareness. In Ward No. 4 and 6, 30,000 houses have been contacted. 14 types of waste can be segregated, he said.

"We are already working in 60 wards in Bengaluru. But our organisation does not collect waste, instead we arrange for organisations which buy plastic waste to come and collect it," he said.

Already there is excellent response in Ward No.22 and in the next three months the representatives will visit all the wards and distribute bags. Even among school children awareness is being created about the waste management, he said.

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'Soldiers guard nation's borders, Pourakarmikas guard nation's health

Safai Karmachari Member Jagadish Hiremani at awareness camp in city

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (RKB&NNN)- "Just like soldiers who guard the nation's borders to protect us from enemies, the Pourakarmikas, who clean the gutters in the nation's sewage system guard people's health and they are also in a way doing the duty of soldiers," said National Safai Karmachari Commission Member Jagadish Hiremani.

He was speaking after inaugurating the awareness and health camp for Pourakarmikas, organised jointly by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru City Corporation and Social Welfare Department at Maharaja's College Centenary Hall, here on Wednesday.

The Pourakarmika community must rise to a higher level by 2020. In this direction, the Central Government has come out with a five-point plan and directed all the State Governments to implement them without fail. They are: Pourakarmikas' jobs must be made permanent (till then they must be paid salaries directly), must be provided with own houses, there must be compulsory health check-up every month, children of Pourakarmikas must be given education and they must be provided with self-employment. Action will be taken against officials who do not implement these five points, he said.

National Safai Karmachari Commission Member Jagadish Hiremani seen during the Health Camp for Pourakarmikas at the Maharaja's College Centenary Hall in city on Wednesday as MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag, Corporator Ashwini Sharat, Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju and others look on.

Pourakarmikas should not enter manholes

Hiremani, giving a call to avoid getting into the manholes at any cost asked the Pourakarmikas to make a vow to themselves that they will never enter them.

The Pourakarmikas should concentrate on taking care of their health before it fails them and go in for regular health check-up. They should also strive hard to see that their children become engineers or doctors or take up some other high-paying jobs, he advised them.

In the light of the complaints that food being served in Indira Canteens was not good, he directed the officials to see that people get quality food. Contract workers must be given one day's leave in a month with salary and if there are problems the Pourakarmikas can directly contact him, he said and added that if the officials and contractors create problems, then action will be taken against such officials.

Individual houses

Hiremani urged the Mysuru City Corporation to provide individual permanent houses measuring 20ftx30ft or 30ftx40ft instead of group houses being provided to Pourakarmikas.

He assured that all Pourakarmikas who are working on contract basis will be made permanent by 2020 for which the Central Government will give the required assistance to all State Governments. "If you want your city to be number one, you should also provide them number one facilities," said Hiremani.

MCC Commissioner Shilpa Nag also briefed about various facilities being provided to Pourakarmikas and their family members.

On the occasion, Pourakarmikas Mahalakshmi, Marappa and Nagamma, who had been serving for 35 years, were honoured with highest achiever awards. Contract workers Mara and Shivaraju were also felicitated.

Corporators Ashwini Sharat, Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraju and others were present.

Apex Court orders stay on tribals' eviction from forests

New Delhi, Mar. 2 (UNI)- The Supreme Court on Thursday stayed its Feb. 13 order directing the eviction of lakhs of the Scheduled Tribes and other traditional forest-dwellers, whose claims for forest land rights have been rejected under the Forest Rights Act, 2006.

The earlier order had created a possibility of eviction of 11.8 lakh tribals from forests across the country. The Apex Court, however, asked 21 States to file an affidavit detailing the steps taken on rejections of the tribals' claims and if the due procedure was followed as mandated under the Forest Rights Act (FRA) 2006.

The Bench, led by Justice Arun Mishra, emphasised that "the mighty and the undeserving," who had encroached on forest lands, would be shown no mercy. It acknowledged the need to delve into whether due process had been followed by the Gram Sabhas and the State authorities under the FRA before the claims for forest rights of the forest dwellers were finally rejected.

A three-Judge Bench presided over by Justice Arun Mishra allowed a plea made by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta, who said the Centre wanted to convene a meeting of States to find out if the tribals were informed of their rights of appeal or not, and if the States set up a review committee or not. The Bench, also comprising Justices Navin Sinha and M.R. Shah, questioned the Centre for "being in slumber" all this while.

"It is not our job to find out if proper procedure was followed or not. We can't do all this. You go in slumber. When we passed our order, why you did not object," the Bench asked Mehta and other counsel, representing States.

The Court pointed out that the eviction order was passed on Jan. 20, 2016 and the Feb. 13 order was just a follow up. Mehta said forest dwelling tribals are essential part of the forest and both have co-existed in the world over. The Court said the government has to be careful and ensure that nobody under the garb of being tribals was allowed to encroach upon the forest. It posted the matter for hearing on July 10.

The Union Government on Wednesday approached the Court for modification of the Feb. 13 order to 21 State Governments for eviction of lakhs of Forest Dwelling STs (FDSTs) and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (OTFDs) whose claims have been rejected under the Forest Rights Act.

"The FDSTs and OTFDs are extremely poor and illiterate people and not well informed of their rights and procedure under the Act. They live in remote and inaccessible areas of the forest. It is difficult for them to substantiate their claims before the competent authorities," the Centre had said. The Top Court's order has caused a huge furore with political parties asking the government to seek its review for its possible adverse impact.

SC/ST promotions: SC stays State's Feb. 27 order

New Delhi, Mar. 2 (UNI)- The Supreme Court yesterday poured water over a Karnataka government attempt to restore cadre and pay scales to thousands of Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe employees in public services who were affected by an Apex Court judgment.

A Bench of Justices U.U. Lalit and D.Y. Chandrachud stayed a Feb. 27 order of the State government which virtually made defunct a Feb. 9, 2017 judgement of the Supreme Court in the B.K. Pavitra case, which had quashed quota in promotion for SC/STs in government service.

"When the hearing is at final stage on law, it is appropriate status quo is not altered," the Court explained. The Court reminded the Karnataka side of its assurance given to the Apex Court that there would be no change in the status quo.

"This is a matter of institutional prestige of this Court," the Bench said, advancing the hearing to March 6. The court is hearing petitions filed by general category employees for a judicial direction from the court to the State to comply with the 2017 verdict.

The Court had on Feb. 9, 2017 found that the Karnataka government did not face any "compelling necessity" to favour quota in promotion for SC/STs in government service.

The Apex Court had pronounced the judgment in a petition challenging the validity of the Karnataka Determination of Seniority of the Government Servants Promoted on the Basis of Reservation (to the Posts in the Civil Services of the State) Act of 2002. The law had also provided grant of consequential seniority to SC/ST government servants promoted under reservation policy.

Focus on paid news, journalism ethics

Mysuru, Mar.2 (PM&SR)- Issues related to threat to journalistic ethics by paid news, increasing readership when social media is gaining momentum, journalists from particular community dominating newspaper and media organisations, biased reporting and regional disparity dominated at the 'Meet on Editors and Interaction' session organised on the second day of 34th State Journalists conference at Suttur Srikeshtra this morning.

Karnataka Working Journalists Association (KWJA) has organised this conference in association with Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA).

The programme which began yesterday will conclude this evening. Leader of Opposition in the Assembly B.S. Yeddyurappa, Mysore Royal Family Member Pramodadevi Wadiyar, Karnataka Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar, Suttur Seer Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, KWJA President Shivananda Tagdur and MDJA President C.K. Mahendra will take part in the valedictory programme at 3.30 pm.

Speaking at Editors' meet, senior journalist Kamka Murthy wanted journalists to focus on

people, farmers and other social issues plaguing the society.

He said that Kannada poet Shivaram Karanth always advocated journalists to come out of delusions and mirror the society in their writings.

He also said that writers like Devanur Mahadeva too suggested journalists not to use derogatory, inflammatory and avoid provocative reporting that hurts the sentiments of the people and image of public figures.

Senior journalist K.N. Channegowda said that editors of all newspapers have been facing tough challenge from social media after the advent of communication revolution and are facing the threat of readership erosion.

Editors and journalists must give thrust on quality reports to increase readership by fair reporting and by highlighting flaws in the system and governance and suggesting remedial measures to build peace, stable and prosperous society, he added

Journalist Ravi Koti wanted editors to stop being mouth-piece of political parties but throw light on social issues and avoid provoking people by airing fake news.

Journalist Vinayaka Bhatt Murur urged journalists to set aside their ideological differences, shun arrogance and work unitedly for betterment of the society.

Former Minister and MLA S.A Ramdas appreciated the organisers for organising this conference to introspect on journalistic ethos, principles and their responsibility.

The audience asked the editors on the practise of casteism, lop-sided reporting, paid news, not giving much focus on the reporting related to development of North Karnataka region by all State Newspapers and other issues.

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Dak Adalat on Mar.7

The Senior Superintendent of Post Offices, Mysuru Postal Division, is conducting Dak Adalat to redress the postal grievances on Mar.7 at 11 am at his Office in Yadavagiri. Customers can send their written grievances and complaints through their Post Offices before Mar.5, according to a press release.

Marathon tomorrow

NIE Students' Association is organising a techno-cultural fest "techNIEks" in the month of March. As a part of techNIEks, a 5km and 10km marathon has been planned on Mar.3 from 5.45 am to 11.30 am from NIE premises. The theme of this event is "Cancer awareness: A cure worth running for."

'Sambhrama' Kala Utsav

Souhardha Mahila Sangha has organised 'Sambhrama' Kala Utsav and cultural programmes on Mar.3 at Cosmopolitan Club in city. Senior members of the Sangha Veena Ramappa and Prema Narayan will kickstart the programmes. MP Pratap Simha, MLA L.Nagendra and Corporator M.U. Subbaiah will be chief guests. Members from Shivamogga, Sakaleshpur, Chikamagalur and other parts of the State will participate. An exhibition-cum-sale of various products produced by women members of Sangha ranging from handicrafts, food items to household and house decoration items will be kept for sale, said Sangha President Sumitra. A part of the proceeds from the event will be donated to a Blind School.

Obituary

K. Shankar Rao

Mysuru, Mar.2- Auto driver K. Shankar Rao (85), a resident of Mandi Mohalla passed away on Thursday night.

He leaves behind two sons and a daughter.

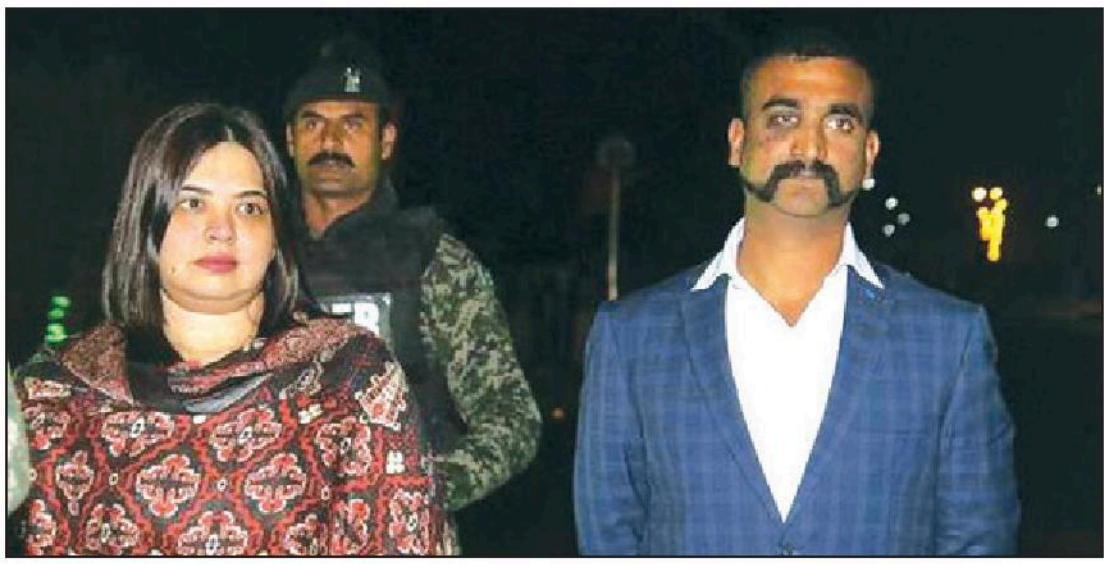
Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Abhinandan arrives to hero's welcome

New Delhi, Mar. 2 (UNI)- Two days after he was caught in Pakistan, Indian Air Force pilot Abhinandan Varthaman returned to India late last night. Attired in civilian clothes, Abhinandan was handed over to Indian officials at the Wagah border and was whisked away in a convoy by Indian officials, away from the public glare. He walked across the Zero Line at 9.20 pm, about four hours later that he was reportedly scheduled to return.

"Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman has been handed over to us as per standard operating procedure of the IAF. He is now being taken for a detailed medical check-up," Air Vice- Marshal R.G.K. Kapoor, Assistant Chief of Air Staff (ACAS) Operations (Space), told reporters at Attari in Amritsar, reading from a text.

The IAF pilot's return was delayed as he was asked to record a statement on camera by Pakistani authorities before he was allowed to cross the border. The recording released on the official Twitter handle of Government of Pakistan was later deleted. It was not clear whether he was made to record the video under duress. The video also had several jump cuts indicating that it had been edited heavily. "Recording of his video message caused a delay in his handing over," a source said.



Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman, accompanied by Pakistan's Foreign Office Director (India) Fareha Bugti, being released at the Wagah border last night.

In the video message released an hour before his arrival in India, Varthaman said he entered Pakistan's space to "find a target" but his aircraft was shot down. He also said that the Pakistani Army is "very professional" and looked after him well.

"I was in search of the target when your (Pakistan) Air Force shot me down. I had to eject the plane which had sustained damage. As soon as I ejected and when my parachute opened and I fell down, I had a pistol with me," IAF pilot Abhinandan can be seen saying in the video. "There were many people. I had only one way to save myself: I dropped my pistol and tried to run."

He also added that he was "saved" by the Pakistani Army when the locals tried to attack him. "People chased me, their emotions were running high. Just then, two Pakistani Army officials came and saved me. Pakistani army captains saved me from the people and did not let any harm come to me. They took me to their unit where I was administered first aid and then I was taken to the hospital where I further underwent a medical exam and received more aid," he said.

"The army personnel saved me from the mob. The Pakistani army is very professional and I am impressed by it," he said, while finishing with some comments criticising the Indian media.

Varthaman was brought from Islamabad to Wagah by the Pakistani authorities and handed over to Indian High Commission officials after completing the formalities. From there, he was taken by road to Amritsar by the IAF and flown to Delhi in an IAF aircraft.

Since morning, there was much back and forth on how and where he would be handed over. India had suggested that it would send a plane to pick him from Islamabad. "IAF Embraer jets were on standby to leave, in case Pakistan accepted it," one defence official said.

However, Pakistan conveyed that since its air space was closed, it would bring him to the border point by road and hand him over to India there. Accordingly, Varthaman was brought in a Pakistani Army convoy while officials from the Indian High Commission came along close by. Amid tight security scores of people in jubilant mood, waving the national flag were seen gathered on the Indian side of the border at a distance from the Attari Joint Check Post to welcome the IAF pilot.

Vid. T.P. Vaidyanathan passes away

Vid. T.P. Vaidyanathan

Mysuru, Mar.2-Vid. T.P. Vaidyanathan (85), renowned vocalist and a frontline artiste in the musical lineage of Mysore Vasudevacharya, passed away yesterday at Apollo BGS Hospital here after a brief illness.

Born in 1934 to a family from Trissur that had just then migrated to Mysore, Vaidyanathan was attracted to music at a very early age and his musical talents were nurtured by Vid. B.K. Padmanabha Rao, a direct disciple of Sri Vasudevacharya.

Vaidyanathan, a child prodigy, started giving concerts even before he entered the portals of the college and was selected as an artiste of AIR at 16. His family migrated to Chennai, in search of greener pastures, when he was 17. He married Indira, one of his classmates at Sri Padmanabha Rao's house and the couple served the cause of music for over four decades in Chennai.

Vaidyanathan migrated back to Mysuru in 2005 and continued to serve the cause of music till his demise. He was an A-grade artiste of AIR and Doordarshan and had been featured on National Programmes. His concerts, past the age of 80, were sources of inspiration even for the youth and were being hailed as extraordinary by the critics.

While in Chennai, he served as a Lecturer in the famed Kalakshetra, the organisation to which Sri Vasudevacharya contributed a lot during his last days. Vid. Vaidyanathan produced many musical features on the compositions of Sri Mysore Sadashiva Rao and Mysore Vasudevacharya. Many frontline artistes of Chennai had got benefited through their association with Vaidyanathan. He donated a large part of his earnings to Music Sabhas and to people in need. On death, his body was also donated to the JSS Medical College. **—OSR**

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KANNADA			
Yajamana	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
Bell Bottom	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Natasaarvabhowma	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
Seetharama Kalyana	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Chemistry of Kariyappa	Olympia	2420737	4 Shows
HINDI			
Total Dhamaal	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Luka Chuppi	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
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TELUGU			
118	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
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90 ML	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
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Yajamana (K)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	9.35 am, 12.40 pm
		3.45 pm, 6.50, 9.55 pm
Thandam (Ta)	(S-1)	1.35 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
URI-The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-1)	7.00 pm
Luka Chuppi (H)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 7.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Total Dhamal (H)	(S-2)	1.25 pm
Sonchiraiya (H)	(S-2)	4.00 pm, 9.50 pm
90 ML (Ta)	(S-3)	10.45 am
118 (Te)	(S-3)	4.25 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-3)	6.55 pm

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Sonchiriya (H)	(S-3)	3.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-4)	7.10 pm
Gully Boy (H)	(S-3)	9.55 am
Luka Chuppi (H)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 4 pm, 6.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Yajamana (K)	(S-1)	10.00 am, 9.20 pm
	(S-2)	8.30 am, 11.50 am
		3.10 pm, 6.30, 9.50 pm
118 (Te)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
90 ML (Ta)	(S-4)	10.00 am
Total Dhamaal (H)	(S-4)	4.25 pm
Thandam (Ta)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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Yajamana (K)-2D	8.20 am, 11.45 am,
	3.10 pm, 6.35 pm, 10 pm
Luka Chuppi (H-2D)	10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 4.20 pm
	7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Total Dhamaal (H-2D)	10.20 am
118 (Te-2D)	12.55 pm
Gully Boy (H-2D)	1.00 pm
Bell Bottom (K-2D)	4:00 pm
URI - The Surgical Strike (H-2D)	6.50 pm
Thadam (Ta-2D)	6.55 pm
90 ML (Ta-2D)	9:55 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

EVENTS TODAY (MAR.2)

Karnataka Union of Working Journalists (KUWJ), Bengaluru and Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA), Mysuru: 34th Journalists State Conference, Scribes awards presentation ceremony, BJP State President and Opposition Leader in the Assembly B.S. Yeddyurappa distributes the KUWJ Awards, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar guest of honour, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Vedike, Suttur Srikshetra, Nanjangud taluk, Mysuru, **3.30 pm.**

Department of Commerce and Management, Vidyavardhaka FGC, Seshadri Iyer Road: Valedictory of Vidwath 2K19, University of Mysore (UoM) Registrar Prof. Lingaraja Gandhi chief guest, VV Sangha Hon. President Gundappa Gowda presides, College premises, **4.30 pm.**

Directorate of Technical Education, NSS, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled and JSS Technical Educational Institutions: Annual Special camp 2018-19, Lecture on 'Social awareness in Youth' by Dr. Palaniswamy, Administrative Division, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled; C.P. Raghu, JDT Division, presides, JSS Technical Educational Institutions campus, Mysuru, **4 pm.**

Kalasuruchi: Story-telling for kids by G.S. Sandhya Rani Kumar, Home Maker, Mysuru, Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

Gayana Sabha: Hindustani Classical Music Concert, Sita recital by Ustad Hafiz Bale Khan, accompanied by Pt. Bhimshakar Bidanur; Vocal recital by Aniruddh Aithal, accompanied by Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla and Deepak Naganavar on harmonium, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **5.30 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti: Discourse on 'Padma Purana' by Pt. Aniruddacharya Pandurangi, Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'The Gospel of Holy Mother,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Ganabharathi and India Foundation for the Arts (IFA): Performance of Vithu Mazha — Songs of the Women Warikari Poets sung by Shruthi Vishwanath, accompanied by Hitesh Dhutia on guitar and Vinayak Netke on tabla, Ramabai Govinda Rao Auditorium, Ganabharathi premises, Adichunchanagiri Road, **6 pm.**

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church: Holy Eucharistic celebration, Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto premises, Srirampura Church, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAR.3)

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Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama: Swami Atmajnanandaji speaks on 'Viveka Chudamani,' Ashrama premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

Rangayana: Staging of Bannanje Govindacharya's Kannada play *'Nenapadalu Shakunthale'* by Rangayana's Bharatiya Ranga Shikshana Kendra students, directed by senior theatre artiste S. Ramanath, Bhoomigeetha, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

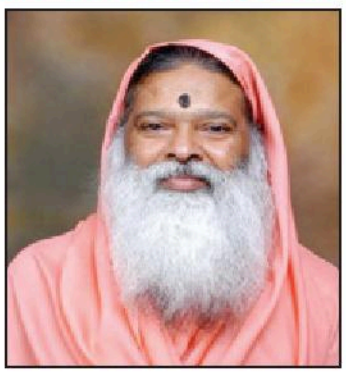
Directorate of Technical Education, NSS, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled and JSS Technical Educational Institutions: Annual NSS Special Camp 2018-19, valedictory programme, Dr. Guruprasad Hugara, Programme Co-ordinator, NSS, chief guest, B. Elangovan, Principal, JSS Polytechnic for the Differently Abled, presides, JSS Technical Educational Institutions campus, **11 am.**

Mahashivaratri events at Ganapathy Ashrama from Mar. 3 to 5

Mysuru, Mar.2- Mahashivaratri will be celebrated at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama in Dattanagar, Ooty Road here from Mar. 3 to 5. The detailed programmes are as follows:

Mar. 3 (Sunday): 8 am – Ganapathy, Navagraha and Shiva Panchakshari Homas; 11 am – Girija Kalyana; 12.30 pm – MahaMangalarati, Prasada distribution; 12.45 pm – Tailabhishekam to Lord Dattatreya; 6 pm – Abhishekam to Sachchidanandeshwara and Vishweswara Shiva lingas.

Mar. 4 (Monday): 6.30 am – Abhishekam to Sachchidanandeshwara and Vishweswara Shiva lingas; 8 am – Srichakra Puja; 10 am – Ekadasa Rudra Homa; 12.30



pm – Homa Poornahuti, Maha Mangalarati; 6 pm – Rudrabhisheka to Sachchidanandeshwara Shiva Linga by Pujya Sri Swamiji; 7 pm – Sahasra Kalashabhisheka to Shiva Linga by devotees; 10 pm – Abhisheka to Shiva Linga – 11 times chanting Rudra Prasna Veda Mantras and different decorations to Shiva Linga continues.

Cultural events: 9 pm – 'Shiva Smaranam' Karnatak vocal music concert by Malladi Trio — Vid. Malladi Suribabu and Malladi Brothers Vid. Sreeram and Vid. Ravikumar — accompanied by Vid. H.N. Bhaskar on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravikumar on mridanga and Vid. Raghunandan on ghatam; 11 pm - Karnatak vocal music concert by Vid. Amritha Venkatesh accompanied by Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam on violin and Vid. Sharat on ghata.

Mar. 5 (Tuesday): 2 am – Shiva Bhajans, Divyanama Sankeertana and discourse by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji; 6 am – Maha Mangalarati to Shiva Linga, Teertha & Prasada distribution.

For more details contact Ashrama Office on Ph: 2486486.

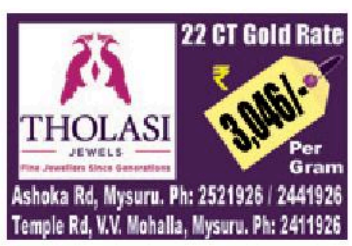
Mahashivaratri on Mar.4: City Police issue guidelines

Mysuru, Mar. 2 (KS)- To ensure smooth conduct of Mahashivaratri festival on Mar.4, City Police have issued a few guidelines to prevent any untoward incidents.

According to the Police, wheeling and over-speeding by two-wheelers, drunken driving, gambling, use of loud-speakers without prior permission and screening of films on roadsides have been banned.

The Police have warned of initiating legal against those found breaking flower pots kept in front of houses, breaking empty bottles on roads, teasing women and children, harassing elderly people and other acts which disturb peace.

City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna has urged the public to call Ph: 0821-2418339 or 100 if they come across those indulging in unlawful activities in city, according to a press release from the Office of the Public Relations Officer (PRO), City Police Commissioner's Office, Mysuru.



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